

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 23, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President
Kelli Lockwood, RN, MSN, Immediate Past Vice President
Linda Floyd, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Merry Fort, RN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Hooper called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hooper moved, Floyd seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, February 23, 2017, Hooper declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Floyd moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

LPNI160096 – Close the case.

RNI170606 – License by examination with a Letter of Concern (Criminal). Must submit documentation of completion of probation within ten days.

RNI170607 – License by endorsement with a Letter of Concern (Criminal).

RNI170483 – Close the case.

RNI170509 – Close the case.

RNI151308 – Close the case. Licensee must provide proof of completion of monitoring.

RNI170618 – Deny the application. May reapply upon completion of the Missouri Board of Nursing investigation.

RNI170484 – Close with a Letter of Concern (Malpractice Insurance Payout).

RNI160858 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a hand served expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160352 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator to be completed within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160571 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator to be completed within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160699 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), substance abuse stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI160875/ RN170380 - Obtain statement from Ridgeview indicating that licensee is safe to practice with reasonable skill and safety. If unable to obtain, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hand served expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Must be obtained by March 2017 Board meeting. If safe to practice, refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, Naltrexone statement and Continuing Education statement.

RNI160912/ RN170086 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hand served expedited 96 hour mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI170080 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with an outpatient mental physical examination to be completed within 30 days of application from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI170612 – Deny the application. May reapply with documentation of 24 months of continuous sobriety and an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI170511 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy) substance abuse stipulations, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

RNI160765 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI170447 – Accept the voluntary surrender.

RNI170602 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, personal, medication management), substance abuse stipulations, Naltrexone statement, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI170646 – Send applicant a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI170060 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

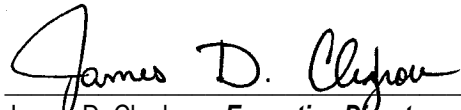
RNI160482 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses; Advance Directives and Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Orders; Disciplinary Actions, What Every Nurse Should Know.

LPNI160328 – Close the case.

RNI161081/ RNI170652 – Refer to Investigations to obtain a statement from complainant, respondent, and treatment records from March 2016 hospitalization. Table RNI170652 until completion of RNI161081.

Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 4:42 p.m.



James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**